

## WELCOME TO DIVINES

Methodists Greet Delegates to Annual Conference.

### HAMLIN CHURCH IS CROWDED

Rev. Mr. Guthrie Delivers Welcome Address, and Bishop Cranston Responds, Complimenting Delegates on the Fact That the Conference is to Take Place in Historic Church.

Acquaintances were made, friendships renewed, and greetings exchanged at Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church last night, at the reception to the bishop and his presiding elders, preceding the annual session of the Baltimore Conference, which convenes this morning at 9 o'clock.

The reception was held in the Sunday school room of the church, which was hardly large enough to accommodate the crowd of Methodists from every part of the Baltimore Conference. Washington Methodists showed their appreciation of the honor of having the conference held in the Capital City.

Hamline Church has seldom been so

gayly decked with colored ribbons and flowers which were grouped about corridors and halls. Lending an air of solemnity to the brilliant scene were the ministers clad in their accustomed suits of black.

An orchestra, hidden behind a bank

of palms around the chancel rail, played selections, but could be heard only occasionally above the hum of the hundreds of voices that filled the large room and the smaller rooms connected with it.

Address of Welcome.

Shortly before 9 o'clock, Rev. Charles E. Guthrie, pastor of Hamline Church, made the opening address. He welcomed the guests and their wives on behalf of the committee in charge, the members of the official board, and members of the congregation. Mr. Guthrie said:

"I welcome you, friends, brothers, and sisters, to dear old Hamline, to our conference, and to the city of Washington. It has been four years since the annual conference was held in this city, and fifteen years since it was held in this church. We—and I speak for all of those connected with the church—welcome you back, and wish that your stay in Washington will be so profitable to you as one of the most pleasant conferences it has been your privilege to attend."

"We have made many plans, and have spent many days arranging for your comfort and entertainment while in Washington, and we hope that all will be satisfactory and congenial to you."

"The conference that begins to-morrow morning is the 124th session of the oldest conference in Methodism. It is the mother conference of the many in this country, and the conference from which these others have branched out."

"It is a peculiar fact that the resident bishop, Rev. Dr. Cranston, is also the presiding bishop at the conference. We, in Washington, know him well, and love him, and it gives us great pleasure to attend a conference at which he presides. His duties will be hard; he will be taxed, and will have to work day and night during the sessions, but I know that every one present will go home satisfied with his work and admiring his executive ability. I welcome you, Bishop Cranston, to the 124th session of the Baltimore annual conference."

Response by the Bishop.

The bishop responded by complimenting the delegates on the fact they were able to hold an annual conference in the old, historic Hamline Church.

"This old, red brick," he said, "is so well known that it needs no laudation from me. It stands as one of the time-honored objects in this historic city of Washington. It arose from the ruins of that great struggle that swept this country years ago, leaving waste and ruin. This church was founded July 2, 1865, after the civil war, and is among those great goods, which all wasteful conflicts leave to a country. It was a branch of McKendree M. E. Church, which is standing to-day. I welcome you, friends of old and friends I hope to meet, to this conference, and extend to you my warmest wishes that all will enjoy a good time, and will go home happy that you were among those who attended this assembly, which will go down in history as the most memorable and successful in the history of the conference."

Bishop Cranston closed his address with witty remarks, which put all in a good humor and won for him a warm place in the hearts of those who had not had the pleasure of meeting him.

Mr. George W. F. Swartzell, president of the board of trustees of Hamline Church, announced the receiving would begin.

In the reception line were Bishop Cranston, Rev. Mr. Guthrie, pastor of Hamline Church; Rev. J. C. Nicholson, presiding elder of the Baltimore district; Rev. W. L. M. Godfrey, presiding elder of the East Baltimore district, and Mrs. J. R. Rice, presiding elder of the Frederick district; Rev. J. W. R. Sumwalt, presiding elder of the West Washington district; Rev. J. F. Heise, presiding elder of the West Baltimore district, and Mrs. J. H. Benton, president of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The reception began at 9:15 o'clock and lasted until 10 o'clock. The line passed by the reception room, the refreshment room, where three large tables covered with dainties of various sorts occupied attention for a short time. The tables were presided over by Mrs. J. R. Mickle, Mrs. E. D. Godfrey, Mrs. J. R. Quinter, assisted by Mesdames Pendergast, Cheesman, Humphries, Thorne, and Twitche, and Misses Scott, Hawke, Thorne, and Godfrey.

Entertainment Committee.

A committee of entertainment, composed of Rev. Charles E. Guthrie, Edgar I. Boorman, George W. F. Swartzell, Dr. D. B. Stewart, Jefferson W. Davis, Hosea B. Moulton, John L. Nuber, Mrs. John A. Denton, and Mrs. William Jenkins, has been busy for weeks making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the guests.

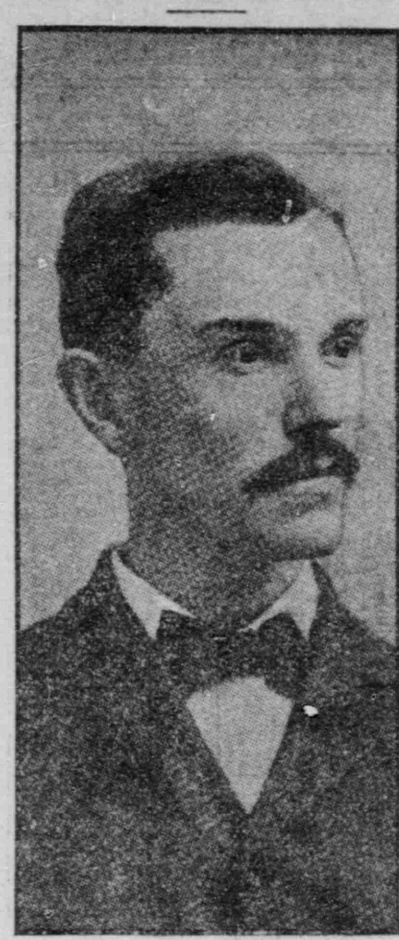
Special railroad rates, which may be had by applying to Thomas G. De Ford, Agents and Clay's agents in Baltimore, have been procured. Directions as to how to reach Hamline Church from the Union Station have been forwarded to delegates. A number of conveniences have been installed, consisting of a cloak and parcel room, book stall, writing room, with free stationery; postage stamps, and pencils; rest rooms, and telephones.

Conference offices have been installed at 108 Ninth street, second door from the church, and here will be found the committee rooms, where secret conclaves will be held, the conference treasurer, statisticians, secretaries, committee on ministerial qualifications, board of examiners, conference stewards, and the committee on sustentation.

Special arrangements have been made to supply meals at 25 cents at the Methodist home, Sixth and M streets northwest, six city squares from Hamline Church. This will be a much-appreciated convenience, as delegates in the past have experienced much trouble in finding suitable dining-rooms in other cities.

A number of stenographers and typewriters will be at the service of the

## MAKES WELCOME SPEECH.



REV. DR. C. E. GUTHRIE, Pastor of Hamline M. E. Church, who last night greeted ministers and delegates to Methodist Conference, which begins this morning.

## WADE FOUND GUILTY

Bucket Shop Is Held to Be a Gaming Table.

### QUICK VERDICT BY THE JURY

Took that Body Twenty Minutes to Decide on Guilt of the Defendant in Justice Barnard's Court—Case Will Be Carried to the Court of Appeals—Detectives Kept Busy.

"That a 'bucket-shop' is setting up and maintaining a gaming table, and is in violation of the code of the District of Columbia, was the verdict of the jury yesterday in the case of Percy Wade, of Wade & Hedges, stock brokers, who has been on trial for a week in Criminal Court No. 2.

The jury took twenty minutes to find Mr. Wade guilty. Justice Barnard finished his charge at ten o'clock, and at 10:30 o'clock turned with its verdict.

Motion for a new trial was denied. If it is denied, the case to the Court of Appeals will be carried on the bond furnished by the lawyers for the return of the defendant.

Made a Testimony. As this is the first case of its kind in the nature of thought the other stock brokers will be tried, until the case has passed on the other brokers' indictments.

Hedges, Wade's partner, Algon Jenkins and Chesley & Spence. Arguments for the government were made by District Attorney Baker and Assistant District Attorney Stuart McManama and Attorney Henry E. Davis and John E. Laskey argued in behalf of Wade.

For several months Detectives Helan and Grant and Secret Service Operative Otto F. Klinkie, under the direction of Assistant District Attorney Stuart McManama, have been collecting evidence in connection with the Wade case and the others.

Personnel of the Jury. The jury which rendered the verdict was made up as follows: Ralph T. Weaver, restaurateur; Harry G. Isel, electrician; George R. Bowie, driver; John H. Suydam, butcher; Charles T. Roderick, insurance; Carl Klenk, baker; Edward R. Combes, salesman; Joseph Kruffman, merchant; Southerly F. Zachary, master painter; Edward A. Burdett, painter; Richard A. Bonner, conductor; and James B. Archer, carriage builder.

### NEWS CUT SHORT.

On a charge of assaulting Clara Brown, a negro, Joseph Anderson, a negro, was indicted by Judge Kimball, in the Police Court, yesterday and sentenced to even months and ten cents in the District Jail.

William Stewart, a negro, was sentenced to jail for eleven months and twenty cents by Judge Kimball, in the Police Court, yesterday for assaulting John Taylor, also a negro.

Charged with assault on Benjamin Ford and James Thomas, John Butler was indicted by Judge Kimball, in the Police Court, yesterday and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

Annie Chrismore, alias Schriener, a negro, nineteen years old, was sentenced to ten months in jail by Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday on four cases of petit larceny.

For assaulting Lottie Coates with a razor, on March 17, George Curtis, a negro, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday, and held in \$2,000 bond for the return of the grand jury.

C. S. Barnett, forty-eight years old, of 922 Twenty-second street, was taken to Georgetown Hospital to be treated for a broken jaw, early yesterday morning. The injury was inflicted by a piece of machinery in the engine room of the tug boat Minerva.

On a charge of carrying concealed weapons, John Keller, of Third avenue, New York, was fined \$25 by Judge Melvoin in the Police Court yesterday for carrying a revolver. Thomas James and Samuel Duncan were each fined \$50 for carrying a razor and gun.

The funeral of Charles E. Barrick, who died Sunday, will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from his home, 119 Massachusetts avenue northwest, with services at St. Joseph's church, Second and C streets northwest. Burial will be in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Convicted on two charges of assaulting Lottie Butler, a negro, living at 1818 Turner street northeast, and Arthur Robinson, a rival for the woman's favor, Philip Williams, alias "Sing Sing," was sent to jail for one year by Judge Kimball, in the Police Court, yesterday.

James Scott, a negro, who assaulted Police Officer Shoemaker and Health Officer Talbot, when they remonstrated with him for trying to break a quarantine in Quander street northeast Monday night, was found guilty by Judge Kimball, in the Police Court, yesterday and fined \$50, with the alternative of four months in jail.

THE APRON CHURCH. In Fleming, three miles east of this village, is a Baptist church bearing completion, which is called "The Apron church." It gets this name from the fact that Mrs. Henry Taber made and sold throughout the United States thousands of aprons and has used the money in the construction of the edifice. Mrs. Taber has completed 200 pairs of bag mittens, 18 comforters, 9 quilts, and a fancy white quilt, all made from the pieces left after making the aprons.

## BEATEN AND ROBBED

Miss Jenkins Brutally Assaulted by Negro.

### HEAD POUNDED ON PAVEMENT

Attack Takes Place on Riggs Street, Between Thirtieth and Fourteenth Streets, at Mouth of Alley, Directly Under Street Lamp—Victim Loses Month's Pay.

Miss Carrie Jenkins, twenty-two years old, of 1719 Thirtieth street northwest, was robbed of her pocketbook at 8:30 o'clock last night, within a block of her home, after being brutally attacked by a negro.

The man grabbed Miss Jenkins by the throat as she passed an alley on Riggs street, only half a block from her home on Thirtieth street. He knocked her to the ground and, still clutching her throat, beat her head against the sidewalk until she was all but unconscious. He then wrenched her purse, containing her month's salary, minus a few dollars, from her hand, and ran through an alley.

Although descriptions of the negro were sent to every station-house in the city and several central office detectives were set to work on the case, the purse-snatcher had not been arrested at an early hour this morning. One policeman, on duty near the scene of the crime, declared that he saw the negro some time after the outrage, but was unable to arrest him.

### Street Is Deserted.

The street was deserted at the time of the attack, and Miss Jenkins, half fainting, ran to her home unaided. There she fell in the arms of a woman and fainted. She became hysterical, and although she managed to revive sufficiently to tell part of her story, she again became hysterical. She was so nervous last night that she could not be seen by reporters or central office detectives.

Miss Jenkins is employed at the Woman's Christian Association, 1719 Thirtieth street northwest, and makes her home there. She received her month's salary, \$14, yesterday evening.

When a little past the middle of the block on Riggs street, and at the mouth of an alley, directly under a street lamp, a medium-sized negro, wearing a brown derby hat and dark clothes, jumped from the shadows and, grabbing her by the throat, threw her to the ground.

### Too Nervous to Talk.

After telling her story to Policeman Wheeler, Miss Jenkins was too nervous to talk further of the affair. Her throat still bore the imprint of the negro's fingers and the back of her head was swollen and bruised from contact with the sidewalk.

In telling her story to the matron, Miss Jenkins said she made an outcry when he was first seized by the man, but he gripped her so tightly that she was unable to make a sound. None of the persons living in Riggs street near the scene of the outrage heard any sound of a struggle. Although the attack took place in front of the home of Mrs. M. E. Jones, at 1345 Riggs street, neither Mr. Jones nor any of his family heard Miss Jenkins' cries for help. All the family, according to Mr. Jones, was seated in the front of the house, several being in a drawing room, only a few feet above the street.

Miss Wharton, matron of the Woman's Christian Association, said to a reporter for The Washington Herald last night:

"I feel awfully sorry for the poor girl, for, besides her physical injuries, shock, and nervousness, she lost every cent she had in the world. She works hard for her money, and had the benefit of only something less than a dollar, having just sent \$5 away to relatives."

### Injuries Not Reported.

None of the police reports mentioned the fact that Miss Jenkins was beaten by her assailant. The officers who investigated the case said that they did not understand that she was beaten.

Miss Wharton, matron of the association, in her statement, said positively that Miss Jenkins had been choked and beaten. Although the crime, the superintendent of police, William W. Stewart, of this city, and remanded the case, with directions to enter a decree compelling Dr. Stewart to specifically perform a contract whereby he agreed to purchase, at \$40 per acre, the Ball farm of 28 acres, the farm having been sold at the height of the oil boom, when a number of Washingtonians and some oil men from the West were boring for oil on the adjoining farms.

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Chief Justice Shepard delivered the opinion of the court affirming the action of the District Supreme Court in ratifying the verdict of a jury summoned to reassess the benefits accruing from the extension of the canal. A former jury several years ago returned a verdict finding the value of the land to be taken to be \$295,000 and assessing \$123,000 of the amount as benefits. On objection by the property holders assessed for benefits the court set aside so much of the first jury's finding as related to the benefits. A new jury, acting only on the question of benefits, reported \$65,000 against the property owners.

Objections to the latter finding were also filed, but overruled, and the Columbia Heights Realty Company, Ross Wallace and others appealed. The chief justice declares that he finds no reversible error in the proceedings, and affirms the findings.

## TRY HAITIAN COUNTERFEITER

Government Officials Appear Against Joseph Giordani, in New York.

Defendant Aided Gen. Firmin in Attempt to Overthrow Regime of President Alexis.

New York, March 31.—The trial of Joseph Giordani, who is charged with counterfeiting Haitian currency and sending it to aid the revolutionists in Haiti under the leadership of Gen. Firmin, was begun this afternoon before Judge Chatfield in the criminal branch of the United States Court. Giordani was indicted with H. G. Thomas, formerly manager of the Hamilton Bank Note Company, of this city.

At the time of Gen. Firmin's outbreak against the Alexis government in Haiti Mr. Giordani was supposed to be his accredited agent in this country. He placed an order with the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York for 1,000,000 gourdes notes, and \$60,000 two-cent notes for the payment of Gen. Firmin's troops. Several barrels of arms of various kinds, about to be shipped to Haiti, were seized here.

The witnesses called to-day were M. J. Thomas and Charles W. Schroeder, of the Federal Secret Service, and Jesse G. Higgins of Higgins & Goller, lithographers, of 39 Ferry street. Higgins testified that Thomas placed an order with his firm for the notes, of which \$65,000 of the smaller denomination and all of the larger were completed and delivered. The notes were in court as exhibits.

The case will be resumed to-morrow.

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## GAMBLING BILL UP TO-DAY.

New York State Senate Will Vote on Anti-Gambling Measure.

Albany, March 31.—On the eve of a line-up on the race-track bills in the Senate the situation remains critical. Senator McCarren and his associates maintain that they have enough votes to defeat any effort to change the amended Senate measure so as to make it take effect immediately. There is some suggestion on their part, in fact, that they may be able to kill the bills outright to-morrow.

S Senator Raines takes the directly opposite view. "If the thing gets to vote to-morrow," said he, "my judgment is that the bills will be restored to their original state. I don't see where enough votes are to be had to prevent this."

"I have the votes," said Senator Agnew, who has the bills in charge. "I have twenty-seven votes pledged to restore the bills to the form Gov. Hughes desires."

The situation is too confusing to warrant any forecast; twenty-six or twenty-seven votes out of fifty are the most that either side seems likely to get—eighteen Democratic and seven Republican votes will be necessary to prevent the restoring of the bill. If McCarren finds that he has the votes there is a good chance that he may attempt to end the whole matter by killing the bill to-morrow. On the other hand, it is quite as possible that the opposition may collapse, so great is the pressure being brought on members by their constituents.

A long debate and a late vote may be expected on this issue to-morrow.

## BOOKMAKER LOSES

Court of Appeals Upholds Act of Police Judge.

### PFEIFFER MUST PAY \$500 FINE

Justice Van Orsdel Reverses Judgment in Case of James French Against National Laundry Company and Orders New Trial. Georgetown University Wins Suit.

The Court of Appeals yesterday, in an opinion by Chief Justice Shepard, affirmed the judgment of the Police Court, which convicted Louis R. Pfeiffer of violating the section of the code forbidding the making of handbooks in the District of Columbia. Pfeiffer was sentenced by Judge Kimball to pay \$500 fine and serve ninety days in jail.

In another opinion, read by Justice Van Orsdel, the judgment of the lower court in the case of Joanna French against the National Laundry Company was reversed and a new trial ordered. The girl was employed in the company's laundry and caught and injured by a hot iron.

At the conclusion of the case, the court, of its own accord, ordered a new trial for the case of Van Orsdel held to have been reversed.

Lower. In an opinion, read by Justice Van Orsdel, the court reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Horace Bell, against the Georgetown University. The firm sued for \$1,635.84 for services, alleged to have been rendered in designing and supervising the construction of two buildings for the university. The latter pleaded the statute of limitations, and at the close of the opening statement for the plaintiff, the lower court instructed a verdict for the university.

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### Loses a Gold Watch.

Charles H. Schooley, of Forest Glen, Md., reported yesterday the loss of a gold watch on March 19.

D. E. Buckingham, of the Hospital for Animals, 215 Fourteenth street northwest, reported the theft of a valuable Newfound dog, answering to the name of "Duke."

George Ayers, 321 King street, Alexandria, Va., reported yesterday that two revolvers, three opera glasses, six black trussing knives, which was to pay all expenses of cremation, and placing the ashes in the simplest receptacle. With money that would be left over, notice was to be sent to W. W. Williams, president of Glenwood Cemetery, Lockport, N. Y., who would send for the ashes and bury them in the cemetery. Notice of his death was to be sent to J. Wesley Knaggs, of 813 North Sheridan street, Bay City, Mich.

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## PLANS CREMATION; SHOOTS.

Buffalo, March 30.—After making full preparations for the cremation of his body and the burial of the ashes, Melvin A. Root, of Bay City, Mich., shot himself at the entrance to the Buffalo crematory to-day.

On March 29, last Root called on George S. Metcalf, treasurer of the Buffalo Crematory Company, and said he wished to make complete preparations for the cremation of his body. He deposited money which was to pay all expenses of cremation, and placing the ashes in the simplest receptacle. With money that would be left over, notice was to be sent to W. W. Williams, president of Glenwood Cemetery, Lockport, N. Y., who would send for the ashes and bury them in the cemetery. Notice of his death was to be sent to J. Wesley Knaggs, of 813 North Sheridan street, Bay City, Mich.

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## THEEVES KEEP BUSY

Long List of Robberies Reported to the Police.

### NEGRO SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

May Be the Man Who Stole Mrs. McKee's Suit Case from the Platform of a Seventh Street Car—Plenty Taken Includes Bicycles, Chickens, and Other Articles.

### ROBBERIES AND ASSAULTS

List of assaults and robberies in the District in the last six months:

October 22—Miss Lonia Lewis, Leumass state, knocked down and robbed in front of 125 Q street northwest.

November 12—Miss Bettie Smith, 176 New York avenue, knocked down and robbed near Sherman statue.

November 21—Mrs. Robert Hickman, 1223 L street northwest, assaulted and robbed at the entrance to her home.

December 28—Miss Letitia Tyler, 137 L street northwest, knocked down and robbed at the entrance to her home.

January 3—Miss Tacie Parkes, 1326 Fifteenth street, assaulted and robbed in front of 260 Fifteenth street northwest.

January 14—Miss Janette C. Kelley, cashier at Arlington Hotel, brutally beaten and robbed on Vermont avenue near the Portland Hotel.

January 25—Mrs. Margaret Wahl, 628 B street southwest, knocked down and robbed on Seventh street while on her way home from market.

February 12—Miss Annie B. Schaeffer, 126 Eighteenth street northwest, assaulted and robbed near Washington Circle.

February 14—Miss May Miller, 139 C Connecticut avenue, knocked down and robbed in front of the British Embassy.

March 31—Miss Carrie Jenkins, 1719 Thirtieth street, beaten, choked, and robbed near her home.

This list does not include eighteen purse-snatchings.

A negro, believed to be responsible for a number of robberies, and answering the description of the man who snatched a purse from Mrs. Bain last Saturday afternoon, stole a new leather suit case from the platform of a crowded Seventh street car yesterday morning.

The suit case was the property of Mrs. Flora McKeever, of 907 R street northwest, and was taken at 9:30 o'clock. She was inside the door, and the car was crowded with other shoppers.

Mrs. McKeever placed her suit case on the platform. When Pennsylvania avenue was reached, it had disappeared. Men standing on the platform gave a description of a negro who was seen to leave the car with a suit case.

### Arrested Negro Butler.

A negro butler, Howard Williams, arrested Monday night by Detectives Farham and O'Brien, of the central office, is suspected in a larceny case.

Miss Katherine T. Sullivan, of 123 Thirtieth street northwest, reported yesterday that a trunk in her house had been broken open and robbed of table linen, bedding, a dress suit, and other articles.

Miss Sallie S. Beach, employed in the Census Office, and living at 24 Thirtieth street southwest, reports the theft of two scarfpins from a bureau.

Miss Mary E. Gage, of 4 Dupont circle, reports the theft of two wall pictures, valued at \$7; three white waists, valued at \$15; a pair of long, black kid gloves, valued at \$4; a pink silk scarf, valued at \$2.50, and a number of smaller articles.

Thomas Turner, 127 F Street street northwest, says a negro stole a gold watch from his coat at Eighth street and Maryland avenue southwest yesterday.

### Stolen Brass Nozzle.

Johnson & Wimsatt, 1212 Water street southwest, were robbed of the brass nozzle of a fire hose in their lumber yard yesterday.

Report was made yesterday that a black frame bicycle, valued at \$10, was stolen from the navy yard yesterday afternoon. The bicycle belonged to Horace Bell, of 127 C street southeast.

L. A. Speils, of 345 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, told the police yesterday morning that a long black overcoat was stolen from his room.